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Rs.50 crore to fix industrial roads

Finally, relief in sight for Hebbal, Koorgalli industrial belt?

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (RK&BCT)- After years of neglect, the main roads in Mysuru's Hootagalli, Koorgalli and Hebbal Industrial Area are finally set for a major overhaul. The Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) has completed the tender process for 20 infrastructure projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 crore.

Several roads in Hebbal Industrial Area have not been asphalted for years, leading to the formation of deep potholes that pose a serious risk to commuters.

Accidents occur almost daily, with two-wheeler riders frequently sustaining injuries, particularly on the stretch from the Damden Apartment on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) to Automotive Axles Limited, which is in a deplorable condition.

Industrialists have said that despite repeatedly seeking repairs over the past three years, there was little progress, as the Hootagalli CMC and the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) allegedly evaded responsibility, often blaming each other for the poor state of infrastructure.

Road upgradation

Key upgradation projects include the widening and upgrading of the 4.7-km stretch from the Automotive Axles Limited junction near Koorgalli on KRS Road to the Hebbal Ring Road Junction and the 1-km double road from the Bharat Cancer Hospital signal on Hebbal Ring Road to Infosys.

While administrative and technical approvals have already been obtained, financial clearance from the Deputy Commissioner-headed Committee is expected this week. Once the final nod is given, work orders will be issued to the successful bidders, with all 20 projects likely to begin simultaneously next week.

Hootagalli City Municipal Council Commissioner C. Chandrashekar told *Star of Mysore* that the projects mark a long-awaited transformation of the industrial belt.

(See ROADS on page 7)

Pathetic condition of Hebbal Industrial Area Road during rainy season.

Old KSRTC buses polluting city

57% of city fleet comprises ageing buses from other depots

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (AG&BCT)- People opting for public transport in Mysuru city are being forced to travel in rickety and highly polluting KSRTC buses dumped from other depots, triggering widespread resentment and concern over commuting standards in the Heritage City.

Several KSRTC buses are visibly old, uncomfortable and poorly maintained. Many commuters complain of tattered seats, shaky rides and thick smoke billowing from the exhaust, contributing significantly to air pollution.

Shockingly, some buses still carry 'Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC)' branding and registration numbers of Bengaluru depots, underlining the shortage of new buses.

BS-III buses continue to operate

A number of these buses are BS-III models, which emit far more pollutants than the now-mandatory BS-VI standard buses. As per current emission norms, only BS-VI vehicles are permitted to ensure reduced pollution.

Many of the buses brought from Bengaluru depots appear freshly painted but retain their original registration numbers, clearly indicating they are not new additions but refurbished ones.

In some cases, buses even retain the original BMTC white-and-blue colour scheme, while others are hastily repainted fully blue before being dumped in Mysuru.

(See KSRTC BUSES on page 6)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 12th January 2026

Bengaluru Flautist performs on Day-7 of Ch. Hill Kotharotsava

Vani Sethu Madhavan from Bengaluru presenting a Karnatak Classical Flute Concert at Chamundi Hill Temple premises last evening as part of 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' music programme. She is accompanied by Vid. Dr. Narahari on violin and Vid. Shridhar on mridanga. Today (Jan. 12), Vid. V. Mukunda and troupe, Bengaluru, will present flute concert between 6 pm and 9 pm.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR COLLECTIVE WELL-BEING: ***As we embark upon yet another new year with fear of where the world is heading to, our hearts beat with optimism and prayers for all.*** *Samastah lokah sukhino bhavantu* ***is a timeless Sanskrit mantra. Its meaning — May all beings in the entire world be happy — is vast, inclusive and relevant in today's interconnected world.***

This ancient prayer reflects the core philosophy of universal compassion, reminding us that true peace and happiness cannot be isolated or individualistic, but must encompass all forms of life. No life is an island.

This plea dissolves all boundaries — of status, gender, nation, religion, species and ideology. It does not pray for the happiness of one person, group or even humanity alone, but for all beings everywhere. This expansive vision does not prioritise personal gain over collective good. By invoking the well-being of the entire universe, the mantra stresses on empathy, humility and responsibility.

In a world marked by conflict, inequality and emotional distress, this mantra offers a powerful ethical compass. It acts like a prayer — guiding us to make choices that consider the welfare of others on the planet.

Spiritually, the mantra aligns with the idea that all life is interdependent. The happiness of one is inseparable from the happiness of all; much in the same way as one person's suffering affects the whole family and disrupts its peace. This reminds us of another popular Sanskrit phrase in the Maha Upanishad *— Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam —* ***the world is one family. It reflects universal unity, inter-connectedness and brotherhood. This perspective is echoed in many global ancient philosophies, religious doctrines and modern ideologies, where collective well-being is seen as essential for overall harmony.***

On a personal level, chanting or reflecting on *Samastah lokah sukhino bhavantu* ***nurtures inner peace. By wishing well for others, one releases negativity, resentment and fear. It reminds us that benevolence multiplies with caring and sharing and that true fulfilment arises from contributing to the welfare of others. In embracing its message, humanity takes a big step towards collective healing, mutual respect, and enduring peace.***

The mantra urges individuals and societies alike to act with awareness — recognising that every action, however small, ripples outward and affects the larger web of life. When embraced in daily living, it inspires practices of kindness, non-violence, inclusivity and peaceful co-existence.

— Radhika D. Shyam in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Thief returns mandolins with sorry note

New Jersey: A drunk thief had a change of heart this holiday season when he returned two stolen mandolins with a brief handwritten note. "Sorry, I been drunk, Merry Christmas. You are good man," the note read.

Lark Street Music, a vintage guitar shop in Teaneck, New Jersey, posted the note to its Facebook page, announcing the return of the stolen items. The business first posted about the stolen mandolins, which spread on social media, possibly sparking the thief's return.

"Your re-posts and pressure definitely made him realise the walls were closing in. Thank you all!!! I feel like i'm in a TV movie," the owner, Buzzy Levine, wrote.

The thief returned the instruments in two shopping bags but ran off before an encounter could be made.

Toddler bites cobra in bizarre incident

Bihar: A two-year-old boy in Bankatwa village, located in Bihar, killed a cobra by biting it after the snake got close to him.

Govinda Kumar was playing at home when he spotted the nearly one-metre-long snake. He attempted to grab it, but the reptile reportedly coiled around his hands and attacked him.

The boy's grandmother said, "I was moving firewood near the house and the cobra came out. We rushed towards the boy and saw he had taken the cobra's head in his mouth. We then separated the cobra from his mouth. The cobra died on the spot while the child fell unconscious."

The child was believed to have lost consciousness from ingesting the snake's venom when he bit it. Govinda was discharged a day after the harrowing incident.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What is Urticaria ?

Urticaria (hives) is a skin condition causing itchy, raised swellings that may be red or skin-colored. The lesions appear suddenly, move around, and disappear within hours without leaving marks.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatologist
Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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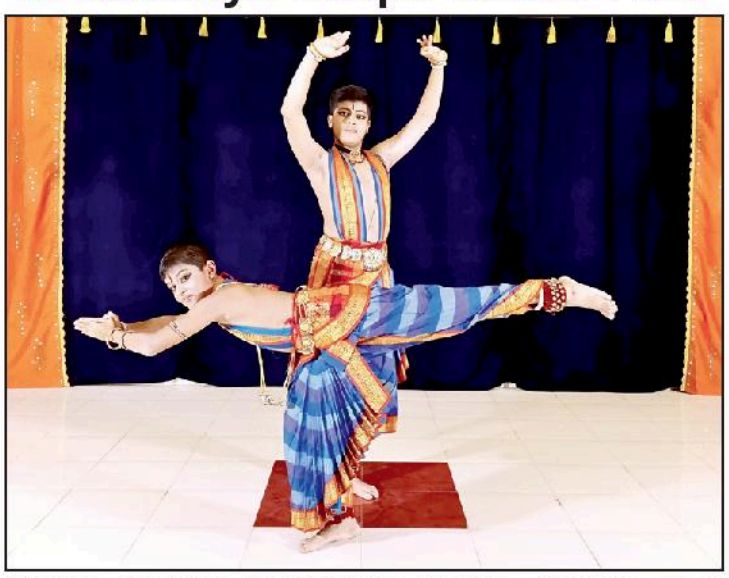
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bhushan Brothers perform at Sandhya Deepa Winter Fest



Mysuru's upcoming Bharatanatyam Brothers, Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan — sons and disciples of celebrity artiste couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan — performed for a full house at Sandhya Deepa Winter Festival held recently at Uttarahalli, Bengaluru. They enacted the entire 'Ramayana' for a whole hour displaying several emotions.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.42 feet**	Today's level **2,275.77 feet**	Today's level **2,828.89 feet**
Last year's level **124.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.47 feet**	Last year's level **2,835.66 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.45 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.81 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.79 feet**
Today's Inflow **966 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **316 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **292 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,234 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *King cobra (Ophiophagus hannah) is the longest venomous snake in the world. Its bite delivers a tremendous amount of paralysis-inducing neurotoxins.*
- *King cobra's venom is so strong and so voluminous that it can kill an elephant in just a few hours. Death also results in at least 50 to 60 percent of untreated human cases.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Mother: *Can you lend me your guitar tonight?*
Son: *Yes, you like music mum?*
Mother: *I like to have a sound sleep tonight, my boy!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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1 Euro	= Rs. 105.16

VOICE OF THE READER

Night patrolling needed on Ring Road near Devanur

Sir,

It has been observed that there is a growing movement of anti-social elements on the Ring Road near Devanur after midnight.

These individuals often roam in groups on two-wheelers and frequently get into quarrels, causing significant disturbance to the residents of the area.

This situation is further aggravated by certain tea/cigarette shops that remain open until dawn, which unfortunately seem to serve as gathering points for such groups.

Additionally, several illegal activities, including incidents of robbery, have come to notice.

Many of the streetlights along this stretch are dysfunctional, creating dark spots that provide a favourable environment for criminal activities.

I request the Police to maintain strict vigilance in this area and take necessary measures to curb this growing menace.

—Nihad

Mysuru
30.12.2025

Huge tree stump waits for clearance

Sir,

This huge tree had fallen on Vinaya Marga Main Road behind Teresian School long back and the stump has not been cleared for months despite repeated complaints.

When I spoke to the engineer of MCC Ward 53, he said that a complaint needs to be made to the Horticulture Department.

I request the Department concerned to instruct its staff to clear the stump at the earliest.

— L. Vinod

Siddartha Layout 30.12.2025

New office-bearers of MYSOGUS

Mysuru, Jan. 12- The Annual General Body Meeting of **MYSOGUS (Mysore Organisation of Genito Urinary Surgeons)** was held recently and following were elected as office-bearers:

Dr. Narendra - President; Dr. H.L. Prasad - Secretary; Dr. Umesh - Treasurer; Dr. Abhijit and Dr. Suhas - Executive Council Members.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Narendra and Dr. Prasad said that the Organisation was in existence since 1990 actively conducting workshops, conferences, academic events and public awareness programmes regularly. At present, this Organisation has 32 Urologists as its members in Mysuru.

Annual Day at Future Foundation

Students presenting a cultural programme at the 15th annual day celebration of Future Foundation Montessori School, Kanakadasanagar, at a function organised at Ganabharathi auditorium in Kuvempunagar recently. Writer, poet and former BEO Dr. Halathi Somashekar was the chief guest. Principal of Government M. Sanghasetti PU College, Kuderu, Chamarajanagar, N.M. Shivaprakash, Maharaja's PU College lecturer A.L. Umesh, School Head Mistress Roopa Chengappa and others were present.

Bishop inaugurates computer skill training at Nanjangud Sub-Jail

Mysuru, Jan. 12- The Prison Ministry India, Mysore Diocese, had organised a computer skill training programme at Nanjangud Sub-Jail on Jan. 7. The programme was co-ordinated by Sr. Mable D'Silva, Nanjangud Unit and Nagaraj Rao, Superintendent, Taluk Jail, Nanjangud.

Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Mysuru, along with Joshy Basil, General Manager - HR & Administration, Rishi FIBC Solutions Pvt. Ltd., inaugurated the programme and appreciated the initiative aimed at providing jail inmates with hope, skills and a better future.

The project is sponsored by Rishi FIBC Solutions Private Limited, Tandavapura, Mysuru.

Joshy Basil also assured employment opportunities for the trained inmates through Rishi and other supporting companies.

Aasha Khan, Superintendent, Mysuru Central Jail, presided,

Certificates will be issued upon successful completion of the course under Spandana Women and Children Development Society, run by the Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Karunalaya, Nanjangud.

Michael, PMI State Coordinator and Fr. Anthappa, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. All the speakers appreciated the initiative and highlighted its importance in empowering prisoners towards self-reliance and rehabilitation.

This computer skill training offers inmates a meaningful opportunity to rebuild their lives with confidence and dignity. By learning new skills, they are preparing themselves for employment and self-reliance after release.

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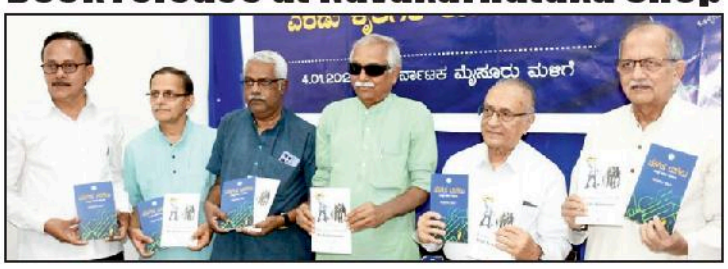

Two books were released during the inauguration of the extended portion of Navakarnataka Publications at a programme held at Navakarnataka Book Shop, Ramaswamy Circle in city recently. Book Shop Manager N.K. Satyanarayan, writers Shashidhar Dongre and Kollegal Sharma, 'Hosathu' newspaper editor Dr. Siddanagouda Patil, former RIE Principal Dr. S.N. Prasad and writer J.L. Anil Kumar are seen.

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NEWS BRIEFS

One-Woman Show by Dr. R. Purnima

The 538th show of the play titled 'Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage' has been organised at Mahajana High School in Jayalakshmipuram at 2 pm tomorrow (Jan. 13). Out of 538 shows, 501 are One-Woman Shows by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club. The play comes under the umbrella of Educational Theatre, Theatre for Social Transformation, Information Theatre and Science Theatre. The play is produced by Children's Literary Club. Concept, Script and Direction are by Dr. Purnima.

Siridhanya recipe

As part of International Commerce Conference, the Agriculture Department has organised a 'Siridhanya (Millets) recipe contest' on Jan. 19. The contest is open to all members of the public, barring the staff of Agriculture Department and students. Those interested in taking part can apply along with their photograph, the process of preparation and other details, through e-mail: *jdamysuru@gmail.com* or personally at the Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Public Offices building, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru, before 12 noon on Jan. 17. For details contact Mob: 90353-86129 or 81055-04262.

Drawing, rangoli competitions

The Telugu Samskruthika Samiti, Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, Mysuru, will be celebrating Sankranti festival at its premises by conducting drawing and rangoli competitions for children in the age group of 6 to 15 years on Jan. 18. Prize distribution ceremony will be held on Jan. 23. On the occasion, singing of Telugu songs and dance performance have been organised. Also, *Padma Shri* awardee Dr. Khader Valli, well-known as 'Millet Man of India,' will be felicitated. For details, contact Samiti Secretary SVS Sreeram on Mob: 97317-90143.

Ph.D awardee

S. Chandan Nandihal, a resident of N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, has been awarded Ph.D in Management by the Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU), Madhya Pradesh, for his thesis 'A Study on Consumer Behaviour towards Digital Payments with Reference to Selected Cities in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Atul Loomba (Bhopal).

2028 Chamaraja ticket fight

Smiles outside, tension within as aspirants meet Ashoka over tea

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (DM)- Even with nearly 28 months to go for the Assembly elections, the battle lines for the BJP ticket from the Chamaraja Assembly Constituency are already clearly drawn, with aspirants openly staking claim and taking the fight to the media.

Amidst this growing churn, several BJP aspirants called on the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, R. Ashoka, during his visit to the city yesterday, fuelling speculation about early lobbying for the prized ticket.

Though the aspirants maintained cordial appearances during face-to-face meetings, the underlying tensions were unmistakable.

The leaders later joined Ashoka for a 'high tea' meeting at a private hotel on Dewan's Road, where political signals were read into every conversation.

Present at the gathering were former MP Prathap Simha, City BJP President and former Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, party leader Jayaprakash (JP) — all three key aspirants — along with MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, State BJP Vice-President M. Rajendra and other party leaders.

Notably absent was another strong aspirant, Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, prompting some leaders to remark, over tea, that the meeting would have felt "complete" had he attended as well.

HIGH TEA, HIGH STAKES: ***Chamaraja BJP ticket aspirants — City BJP President and former Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, former MP Prathap Simha and party leader Jayaprakash (JP) — surround the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, R. Ashoka, during the 'high tea' meeting at a private hotel on Dewan's Road in city yesterday as other leaders, including former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and M. Rajendra, look on.***

Ashoka steers clear of controversy

When asked by a *Star of Mysore* reporter about the sudden surge in ticket claims so early in the electoral cycle, Ashoka chose to distance himself, remarking tersely that he was not from Mysuru. However, earlier, speaking to the media, he had laughed off the early infighting, saying the tussle had begun because the BJP was confident of forming the Government after the 2028 Assembly polls.

City BJP President L. Nagendra, for his part, played down the meeting, stating that no discussion was held with Ashoka regarding the recent political developments in Mysuru.

The ticket race was triggered when former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha openly declared recently about his intention to contest the Assembly polls. His announcement drew a sharp response from L. Nagendra, who publicly took exception to Simha's claim. Soon after, the contest widened. Renowned city-based Neurologist Dr. Shushrutha Gowda entered the fray by staking claim to the Chamaraja ticket.

Within a day, Jayaprakash (JP) — also an actor — followed suit, announcing his ambition at a separate press meet and recalling how he had earlier stepped aside for party stalwarts like late H.S. Shankarlinge Gowda, who represented the Constituency for four consecutive terms.

With ambitions colliding and the contest heating up well ahead of schedule, each aspirant has begun groundwork in earnest, reaching out to BJP workers, leaders and cadres of JD(S) — the BJP's alliance partner in the State — and voters across the Constituency.

What began as a lone declaration has now turned into a full-blown early power play, signalling that the real fight for Chamaraja may begin long before the election calendar does.

Firing case, drugs seizure

BJP to hold rallies in Ballari on Jan. 17, Mysuru on Jan. 31

Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, R. Ashoka, addressing a press conference at the BJP Office yesterday as** (from left) **former MP Prathap Simha, BJP District President K. Subbanna, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, City President & former MLA L. Nagendra, State Vice-President M. Rajendra and MLA T.S. Srivatsa look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (PM&BCT)- Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, R. Ashoka, has alleged that there was an attempt to kill MLA Gali Janardhan Reddy in Ballari. Condemning the incident, he announced that the BJP Core Committee has decided to organise a massive rally in Ballari on Jan. 17.

Speaking at a press conference at the BJP office in Mysuru yesterday, Ashoka also accused the State Government of failing to curb the drug menace across Karnataka, including in Mysuru.

He said, the BJP will stage a protest in Mysuru on Jan. 31 against the Congress Government for its failure to control drug production in Mysuru. Whether it will be a rally or a *padayatra* will be decided soon by local leaders and party workers, he noted.

Ashoka charged that law and order in the State has collapsed, pointing to the firing near Janardhan Reddy's residence in Ballari as proof.

He described the attack as a premeditated attempt, noting that Reddy has recently returned to the BJP and, along with B. Sriramulu, has been touring the State unitedly. He dismissed claims that the incident was linked to flex board removal, calling it a mere excuse.

On the drug seizure issue, Ashoka said, Karnataka has been badly affected, with Maharashtra Police conducting raids in Mysuru and Bengaluru against drug networks and having seized Mephedrone worth Rs. 390 crore in Mysuru and over Rs. 55 crore in Bengaluru. He criticised the Home Minister's response that "we will cooperate with the Maharashtra Police," calling it irresponsible and inadequate.

Ashoka alleged that seven to eight rounds of firing took place during the Ballari incident, with weapons and those involved linked to the Congress party workers. He said, the attack on Reddy's house was widely reported in the media.

The press conference was attended by MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha, BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra, City President & former MLA L. Nagendra, District President K. Subbanna, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and several other leaders.

Budget Session
of Parliament from Jan. 28
Union Budget 2026-27 to be presented on Feb. 1

New Delhi, Jan. 12 (Agencies)- The Union Budget for the year 2026-27 will be presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Feb. 1 (Sunday) and the Economic Survey Report is scheduled to be tabled on Jan. 29. This will be first instance when the Union Budget would be presented on Sunday. Meanwhile, the Budget Session of Parliament will be held from Jan. 28 to Apr. 2.

Nirmala Sitharaman will be presenting the Union Budget for ninth consecutive time bringing her to the record set by former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who has presented the Budget for 10 times. Nirmala Sitharaman has presented seven full Union Budgets during July 2019, February 2020, February 2021, February 2022, February 2023, July 2024, February 2025 and one Interim Budget February 2024.

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiran Rijiju, in a post on 'X', said: "On the recommendation of the Govt of India, Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu ji has approved the summoning of both the Houses of Parliament for the Budget Session 2026. The Session will commence on 28 January 2026 and continue till 2 April 2026. The first phase concludes on 13 February 2026, with Parliament reassembling on 9 March 2026, a vital step towards meaningful debate and people-centric governance."

HDD urges *Bharat Ratna* for poet laureate Kuvempu
Kuvempu Vishwamanava Welfare Trust fetes former PM

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (BCT)- Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting that the late poet laureate Kuvempu be conferred the *Bharat Ratna* posthumously.

In his letter, Deve Gowda highlighted Kuvempu's stature as a great poet, philosopher and thinker who enriched lives through his intellect and made immense contributions to the Kannada language, literature and culture.

He noted that Kannada literature, once described as a small stream, grew into a mighty river due to Kuvempu's monumental contributions.

Deve Gowda observed that had Kuvempu's works been translated into English and other European languages during his lifetime, he might have been awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. However, Kuvempu never sought fame or recognition and resisted publicity, which limited such opportunities.

Referring to Kuvempu's magnum opus 'Ramayana Darshanam' and other works, Deve Gowda emphasised that the poet's philosophy remains vital and decisive for the modern world, which faces many challenges threatening humanity.

He pointed out that Kuvempu's concepts, such as 'Pancha Mantra', 'Sapta Sutra' and 'Vishwamanava Pragnya' offer universal solutions, guiding humanity toward peace and harmony.

He further stressed the importance of seriously reflecting upon and implementing Kuvempu's 'Sarvodaya Sutra,' which could help build an egalitarian society and serve as a model for other nations.

Deve Gowda reminded that the Karnataka Government has already recommended *Bharat Ratna* for Kuvempu.

He urged that the award be conferred posthumously to immortalise the poet's legacy in the interest of humanity and contemporary society.

He also enclosed a petition from the Mysuru-based Kuvempu Vishwamanava Welfare Trust, supporting the demand.

MP Yaduveer promises timely solutions to Mysuru's civic issues

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar inspecting public places in Tilaknagar on Thursday, where he met the people and listened to their grievances.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has assured that all problems in Mysuru will be resolved within a fixed timeframe, with citizen complaints taken up on a priority basis.

In a press release, the MP stated that Ward-level measures are being initiated to improve the city's condition. He added that a letter has already been sent to the Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner to address issues in Tilaknagar Ward No. 25.

Residents of Tilaknagar have submitted complaints regarding drinking water shortages, inadequate infrastructure, public safety concerns and stray cattle.

The MP explained that drinking water is the most pressing issue in the Ward. To resolve this, he has directed the Commissioner to connect a pipeline from Vani Vilas Water Works to the Tilaknagar overhead tank, ensure regular and adequate water supply, and construct a sump with a capacity of ten lakh litres using State Finance Commission Grants.

He further noted that there has been a demand for a community hall in Tilaknagar to host public meetings, social functions and welfare activities. Instructions have been issued to begin the work at the earliest.

The MP emphasised that clear directions have also been given to strengthen public safety and provide essential civic amenities.

On the issue of stray cattle, he pointed out that owners have been letting their cows roam freely on public roads, causing inconvenience to pedestrians and motorists and posing risks to public safety. The Commissioner has been ordered to impose fines and take strict action against violators.

The MP assured that citizens across Mysuru can submit complaints about any issue and promised that they will be resolved promptly.

Sathagalli Ambedkar Colony residents air their grievances

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (PM&DM)- Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities Development Corporation Chairperson G. Pallavi heard grievances from nomadic slum-dwellers of Sathagalli Ambedkar Colony here on Saturday.

During her visit, the slum-dwellers poured in their grievances on the deplorable conditions they are living in the colony.

"There are 560 group houses in the colony built under JNNURM scheme and we are living in these houses for over 15 years. There is drinking water problem in the colony and the colony is facing sanitation problems too, with lack of a proper underground drainage network. An Anganwadi centre and school are functioning from Ambedkar Samudaya Bhavan in the colony and students are facing difficulties in learning due to lack of facilities," the slum-dwellers maintained.

Continuing, they said they are living in deplorable conditions in the colony. "There is only one borewell in the entire colony and as such, the colony is facing severe drinking water problem. Regarding waste management, the less said the better, with waste and garbage strewn all around in the colony. Though the officials have been complained about this several times, little has been done for waste management and addressal of civic issues bothering the colony," the residents alleged.

Karnataka SC&ST Nomadic & Semi-Nomadic Communities Development Corporation Chairperson G. Pallavi hearing grievances from nomadic slum-dwellers of Sathagalli Ambedkar Colony on Saturday.

Responding to the grievances, Pallavi directed the officials to carry out Police beat patrolling every day in the colony for ensuring safety of women and children. Also, the underground drainages should be cleared at least once in 6 months to prevent clogging. The officials should visit the colony periodically for ensuring hygiene in the area and take measures for proper waste disposal, she said.

Stating that she would hold a meeting with the Slum Development Board Chairman to resolve the problems of the colony, Pallavi said, she would draw the attention of the Chief Minister and the District in-Charge Minister for releasing grants for development of the colony.

Akhila Karnataka Kuluva Mahasangha General Secretary Anandkumar Ekalavya, Vice-President Venkatachala, Organising Secretary Rangaswamy, Mysuru District Korama-Koracha Mahasangha General Secretary Mohan Kayaka, Joint Secretary N. Ravikumar, Vice-President Ramesh, local leaders Gangappa, Jayaprabhu, Prasannakumar, Durgappa, Ramappa, Shivaputra, Nagappa Doddamani, Gangadhar and others were present on the occasion.

Old KSRTC buses polluting city

Bengaluru Central Division

Mysuru City Bus

In BMTC

In Mysuru

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In Mysuru

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Ironically, these ageing buses are not limited to short intra-city routes. Several of them are deployed on long and demanding routes, including Chamundi Hill, Infosys campus, KRS Dam and other outskirts accessed through the Outer Ring Road, raising serious safety and reliability concerns.

Social activist Ravi Keerthi alleged that Mysuru has effectively become a dumping ground for old buses that have completed more than 10 years of long-distance operations in Bengaluru.

"Many of these buses have been used extensively for 10 to 12 years. Apart from emitting huge amounts of smoke, there are instances of water leaking from the roof during rain. Mysuru urgently needs new BS-VI buses and cannot be treated as a graveyard for worn-out buses," he said.

57% of city buses are hand-me-downs

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (AG&BCT)- As per Right to Information (RTI) data obtained from the KSRTC, Mysuru has four KSRTC depots — Nanjangud, Kuvempunagar, Sathagalli and Vijayanagar — operating a total of 540 buses manufactured and registered between 2010 and 2024.

Between 2010 and 2014, the four depots together received 272 buses, accounting for 50.4 percent of the total fleet.

From 2015 to 2019, Mysuru got 190 buses (35.2 percent). In the period from 2020 to 2025, only 78 buses were added, constituting a mere 14.4 percent.

Notably, Mysuru received just seven buses each in 2020 and 2023, while a bulk of 64 buses were added in 2024.

Besides, the data obtained from the Regional Transport Office (RTO) reveals that of the 540 buses in Mysuru, only 230 buses (42.6 percent) are registered locally under the KA-09 series, indicating new allocations.

The remaining 57.4 percent — the lion's share of the fleet — comprises buses transferred from other districts and cities.

These include seven buses from Bengaluru Central (KA-01 series), 122 from Chamarajanagar (KA-10), 24 from Mandya (KA-11), 30 from Chikkaballapura (KA-40), 46 from Ramanagara (KA-42) and as many as 75 buses from Bengaluru Urban BMTC (KA-57). The remaining buses have been sourced from depots such as Mangaluru (KA-19), Hunsur (KA-45) and K.R. Puram in Bengaluru (KA-53).

'New buses expected in March-April'

We operate a mix of BS-III, BS-IV and BS-VI standard buses. We are not receiving old buses from other bus stations or depots. If BS-III buses are found emitting smoke, they are identified on priority. A smoke-emission audit is conducted every month using testing equipment. If excessive smoke is detected, the fuel pump is replaced and the smoke-control atomiser is repaired. If the problem persists, the engine is replaced. Vehicles that are more than 15 years old are scrapped. Last year, 118 buses in the Mysuru City Division broke down, while over 80 refurbished buses were inducted. We have scrapped 86 buses and submitted proposals to the KSRTC Central Office seeking 86 new buses. The tender process is currently underway and the new buses are expected to arrive in March-April this year.

— H.T. Veeresh, Divisional Controller, KSRTC Mysuru City Division

BJP fooling people with Ballari rally: District Minister

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa addressing a press meet in city this morning as District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar looks on.

Mysuru, Jan.12 (BLU&DM)- Accusing the BJP of trying to fool people by holding a rally at Ballari on Jan. 17 in protest against the recent Ballari violence, in which a Congress worker was killed in firing, Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa said, though the BJP was free to hold the rally, it is nothing but a mockery of the party (BJP) itself.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here this morning, Dr. Mahadevappa, responding to the Leader of the Opposition R. Ashoka's statement that the BJP would take out a massive rally at Ballari on Jan. 17, in protest against the alleged murderous attempt on the life of party MLA G. Janardhan Reddy and senior party leader B. Sriramulu, said that it is ridiculous on the part of the BJP to hold a rally at Ballari, when the Opposition party had indeed turned peaceful Ballari into 'Republic of Ballari' through misdeeds and terrorising people.

The people of Ballari know about the Reddy brothers of the BJP, he said adding that the BJP's rally was aimed at regaining hold over its erstwhile 'Ballari Empire.'

G Ram G is unconstitutional

Terming the Centre's new VB — G RAM G Bill (The Viksit Bharat — Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) as unconstitutional, Dr. Mahadevappa said the Congress would fight tooth and nail against the Bill.

Noting that the new Bill replaces the MNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act), a flagship scheme introduced by the Congress-led UPA Government at the Centre over 20 years ago, aimed at providing rural employment, he said that the G RAM G Bill now introduced by the Centre would rob the rural population of jobs and livelihood.

"The MNREGA Scheme covered 19 crore rural population of the country, with 52 percent of them being women. Now this Act has been repealed and the G Ram G has been introduced, which is of no benefit to rural population. The new Bill is in fact aimed at curbing decentralisation and encourages contract system of employment, which is detrimental to the interests of rural population," he contended.

The Congress will launch a massive agitation across the country urging the Centre to bring back MNREGA Scheme, he added.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, City Congress President R. Murthy, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, party leaders Mahesh, Bhaskar and others were present at the press meet.

Dasara accounts to be made public shortly

Replying to a question on the delay in the release of Dasara accounts, Dr. Mahadevappa said that the Dasara Expo has just concluded and the accounts will be made public shortly. The accounts will be prepared under each head separately, he added.

Ameer-e-Shariath of Karnataka passes away

Bengaluru, Jan. 12 (AP)- **Moulana Sagheer Ahmed Khan Rashadi** (75), the head of the renowned Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Sabilurrashad in Bengaluru and the State Ameer-e-Shariat, passed away this morning at his residence in city.

Anative of Kavalande in Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru, he is survived by his wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be offered tomorrow (Jan. 13) at 10 am at the Masjid in Darul Uloom Sabeelur Rishad, Bengaluru, followed by the burial at Darul Uloom Sabeelur Rishad.

Veteran theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma inaugurates Children's Bahuroopi

Mysuru, Jan.12 (MTY&TRR)- Children's Bahuroopi, organised as part of the 25th edition of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival-2026, was inaugurated by veteran theatre artiste and Rajyotsava Awardee Rameshwari Verma at Kalamandira in the city this morning.

Speaking after inauguration, Rameshwari Verma said that theatre is one thing which needs to be viewed with both eyes and heart. "Plays will be more effective and its theme will reach the audience better when it is viewed with interest. Students of schools and colleges must be encouraged to witness more and more plays which are effective. Children on their part must also cultivate the habit of visiting theatres to watch good plays that are staged by reputed troupes. This will help them to develop a liking for acting and other theatre related activities," she added

"This edition of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival is being organised as per the aspirations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar under the title 'Walk towards Equality.' In this backdrop, when students view a drama based on the life of Dr. Ambedkar, they will know more about the life and achievements of the great man. Teachers must promote theatre interest among students and encourage discussions about dramas they watch which develop their thought process. Films promote dreams, based on imagination and take us to an imaginary world whereas theatre is realistic and natural," said Rameshwari Verma.

Children from various States are participating in the Children's Bahuroopi.

Rangayana Mysuru Director Satish Tiptur presided. Karnataka Nataka Academy Member Dr. Jahida and Ranga Samaja Member Mahantesh Gajendragada were the chief guests. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and Children's Bahuroopi Co-ordinator ArasikereYogananda were present on the occasion.

Anomaly hits ISRO's PSLV-C62 launch

Sriharikota, Jan. 12 (Agencies)- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission this morning encountered an anomaly after liftoff, with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) confirming that a deviation was observed during the rocket's third stage.

ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan said the launch data is being analysed and that the space agency will share further details at the earliest, stopping short of declaring the mission either a success or a failure.

The 64th PSLV mission, PSLV-C62, carrying EOS-N1, lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, at 10.18 am, marking a crucial flight for the launch vehicle following its failure in 2025.

According to ISRO, the initial phase of launch proceeded as planned. The four-stage rocket's first and second stages performed nominally. However, a deviation was detected during third stage, causing the mission to veer off the expected trajectory.

Dr. Narayanan later stated that the mission could not proceed along the planned path, though he refrained from categorising it as either a success or a failure. Typically, any anomaly during the PSLV's third stage results in a near-total mission failure.

The mission was carrying 16 satellites, including EOS-N1 and Anvesha, a surveillance satellite developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Rs. 50 crore to fix industrial roads

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For years, despite collecting annual taxes from industries, the Hootagalli CMC and KIADB failed to maintain roads, drains, streetlights and sanitation in these industrial pockets.

The resulting pothole-ridden roads severely hampered movement for employees, residents and industrialists alike. During monsoon, water-filled craters led to frequent accidents, while garbage dumping and overgrown weeds worsened unhygienic conditions.

The road leading to Infosys, currently a dual carriageway, will be widened into four-lane with concrete box drains on both sides, central median and streetlights, at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh.

Similarly, the 2.4-km stretch between Hebbal Ring Road and the Automotive Axles junction will be widened to 7 metres, with box drains on both sides, at a cost of Rs. 4.99 crore.

Other works include the construction of stormwater drains near the Hootagalli market ground, drainage from the 'Aralimara' in Koorgalli to the KIADB double road, drains from the Milk Dairy main road to the old Aranya Bhavan Circle and several underground drainage, stormwater and water-supply pipeline projects across Hootagalli, Belavadi and Koorgalli.

Mysore International School holds Scouts and Guides camp

Mysuru, Jan. 12 - Mysore International School, H.D. Kote Road, had organised a Scouts and Guides camp at its campus recently to promote discipline, leadership and community service among students.

The programme was inaugurated by School Principal Dr. Preethi Vincent.

The students of the Interact Club along with the Scouts and Guides took part in a rally creating awareness about the rampant issue of environmental pollution by plastic disposal and the impact of gadget addiction in children.

Also, they distributed paper bags to the local vendors and residents of the area.

The camp offered students valuable lessons in team building and friendship.

Janapada Utsava inaugurated

Karnataka Bayalata Academy Chairman Dr. Durgadas playing the singing bowl to inaugurate 'Bahuroopi Janapada Utsava' (Folk Festival) at Kindarijogi premises in Kalamandira last evening. Also seen in the picture are (from left) Rangayana Deputy Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Ranga Samaja Member Shashidhar Bharighat, Rangayana Director Satish Tiptur, ADC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Theatre Artiste Dr. Geetha Siddi, Department of Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Janapada Utsava Co-ordinator Geetha Montadka. Picture also shows artistes, dressed as Buddha and Buddhist Monks, sitting on the stage during the inauguration.

Plays should be included in curriculum: Senior artiste

'Rotary-Kadamba' theatre award conferred

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (SPN&DM)- Asserting that dramas are a strong medium for sending out thought-provoking messages to the society, senior theatre artiste Srimathi Hariprasad said, plays must be compulsorily included as a subject in every curriculum.

She was speaking after receiving 'Rotary-Kadamba' theatre award at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Rotary Mysore North and Kadamba Rangavedike at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road here on Friday.

Observing that lessons will go into the heart if at least one lesson is included in the form of a play in every text book, Srimathi Hariprasad said, this will also help the teachers in imparting education to students.

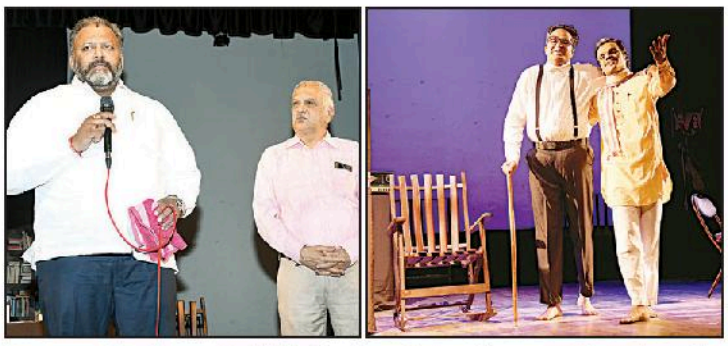
Writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara emphasised on the need for making efforts to create mass responsibility in building a new society. The theatre is an influential effort in this regard, he added.

Veteran theatre artiste Prof. Rameshwari Verma too spoke.

Senior artistes Srimathi Hariprasad, Subbanarasimha, Krishna Janamana and Dinesh Chammalige were conferred with 'Rotary-Kadamba' theatre award on the occasion.

Senior theatre personalities Rajashekar Kadamba and Ashwath Kadamba, Rtn. Yashaswi Somashekar, Ranga Samaja Member Suresh Babu, Rotary Mysore North President M. Chandrashekar, Secretary A.P. Virupaksha, artiste B.R. Shivakumar and others were present.

Theatre helps reach Dr. Ambedkar's ideas to masses, says former MLA



Former Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan addressing the gathering during the 25th show of the play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba' at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises, Mysuru, on Friday as Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Adithya Adhikari Hospital looks on. Picture right shows a scene from the play.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (PM&BS)- Former Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan said, theatre is an effective medium to communicate the life, ideology and contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to the people. He was speaking as the chief guest at the 25th show of the play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba,' conceptualised and directed by former Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, and staged under the banner of Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu, at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises last Friday.

Stating that Ambedkar remains highly relevant in the present times, Harshavardhan said, both BJP and Congress interpret Ambedkar's ideas from their own perspectives. "Some agree with these interpretations, while others do not. I have personally tried to understand Ambedkar by studying his life, contributions and struggles," he said.

He also endorsed the sequence in the play depicting Ambedkar's visit to RSS office.

Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Adithya Adhikari Hospital & Addanda Cariappa were present.

Bahuroopi Baba Saheb

25th National Theatre Festival at Rangayana

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 12)

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI
at Kalamandira

7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Mayadweepa' (Kannada); 95 minutes; Original: William Shakespeare; Script & Direction: Puneet Karta; Troupe: Nenapu Cultural and Education Charitable Trust, Bengaluru.

FORMAL INAUGURATION
at Vanaranga

5.30 pm : Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates Bahuroopi; Senior Theatre Artiste Heisnam Sabitri Devi of Manipur inaugurates Theatre Festival. District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates the Books and Handicrafts Expo. Minister for Kannada & Culture Shivaraj S. Thangadagi releases the souvenir. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates Baba Saheb Photography Expo. Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose inaugurates painting expo. MLA K. Harishgowda presides.

6 pm : Musical Narrative of Baba Saheb by H. Janardhan, Gollahalli Shivaprasad, Devanand Varaprasad and troupe.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Ambedkar Collage' (Kannada); 120 minutes; Playwright: Kotiganahalli Ramaiah; Direction: Chidambararao Jambe; Troupe: Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7.30 pm : Staging of play 'Bag Dancing (English); 65 minutes; Playwright: Mike Kenny; Direction: Ujwalrao; Troupe: Bootai Trust, Bengaluru.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 13)

FILM FESTIVAL
at Sriranga Auditorium

10 am : Screening of 'Samvidhaan - Making of the Indian Constitution' (Hindi); 51 minutes; Director: RS TV.

12 noon : Screening of 'Jai Bhim Comrade 1' (Hindi - 2011); 60 minutes; Director: Anand Patwardhan.

2 pm : Screening of 'Maarikondavaru' (Kannada - 2015); 136 minutes; Director: K. Shivarudraiah.

CHILDREN'S BAHUROOPI
at Kalamandira

11 am & 7 pm : Staging of play 'Roopantara' (Kannada); 75 minutes; Concept: Kaliyuva Mane Children; Design & Direction: Rajesh Madhavan; Troupe: Kaliyuva Mane, Mysuru.

PLAY at Bhoomigeeta

6.30 pm : Staging of play 'Bob Marely from Kodihalli' (Kannada); 95 minutes; Text Inspired: N.K. Hanumantaiah & K. Chandrashekhar; Dramaturg: V.L. Narasimhamurthy; Playwright, Design and Direction: K.P. Lakshman; Troupe: Jangama Collective, Bengaluru.

PLAY at Vanaranga

7 pm : Staging of play 'Dadan Raja (Rabha)'; 65 minutes; Playwright: Madan Rabha; Direction: Dhananjay Rabha; Troupe: Badungduppa Kalakendra, Assam.

PLAY at Mini Theatre

7 pm : Staging of play 'Koohoo' (Malayalam); 100 minutes; Playwright, Stage Adaptation, Direction: Arunlal; Troupe: Little Earth School of Theatre, Kerala.

DAILY Feature

• Folk Performances at Kindarijogi premises • Books Exhibition • Handicrafts Exhibition & Demonstration • Desi Food Festival • Painting Exhibition • University of Mysore's Prasaranga's stall to sell books published by Prasaranga at a special discount price.

State-level Senior Men's Kho Kho Championship - 2026

Raichur emerges champion, Mysuru runners-up

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa presenting the winners trophy to Raichur captain during the valedictory ceremony held at Vivekananda Grounds, Kuvempunagar in city yesterday. Picture right shows Mysuru team captain receiving the runners-up trophy as other guests look on.

Prakash

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (VVH&VNS)- Team Raichur emerged as champions in the two-day State-level Senior Kho Kho Championship - 2026 for Men jointly organised by Karnataka Amateur Kho Kho Association (KAKKA) and Mysuru District Amateur Kho Kho Association (MDAKKA) in memory of late N. Prakash, former President of KAKKA at Vivekananda Grounds in Kuvempunagar, here yesterday.

In the finals, Raichur defeated Mysuru 18-16 to lift coveted trophy. In semi-finals, Raichur defeated Dharwad 15-13 and Mysuru overcame Chamarajanagar 14-12 to enter the finals. Both Dharwad and Chamarajanagar were awarded joint third place.

In the individual awards, Kiran from Raichur was declared as Best Defender, Gagan from Mysuru as Best Attacker and Shivappa from Raichur as Best All-Rounder.

Prizes to winners distributed by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. MDAKKA President Nagaraj V. Bairy, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, social worker AHINDA Javarappa and others were present.

National-level Karate Championship held in city

Winners in various categories posing with their medals and certificates along with the dignitaries.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (MK&VNS)- The National-level Karate Championship organised by Naga Martial Arts Academy was held at Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium here yesterday. More than 500 karatekas participated in the championship.

The Academy felicitated achievers from various fields — retired Maharaja's College Professor Vasanthamma, International Wrestling Coach Dr. K. Vinod Kumar, social worker J.C. Veeraraje Urs, artist Manjunath and karateka Lokesh.

Inaugurating the championship, MLC K. Shivakumar said sports tournaments should be organised on a continuous basis to encourage more participation. "Sports help students to increase concentration along with enhancing fitness level. This apart, learning karate helps during self-defence," he added.

Former Corporator Jagadish, Chief Referee Dominic Savio, Referee Association President N.G. Shivadas, Naga Martial Arts Academy Founder Sosale Siddaraju and others were present.

Mysuru Prison staff shine in district-level sports

Prison staff, who won medals at the recently held District-level Government Employees Sports Meet, seen with senior prison officials of Mysuru Central Jail.

Mysuru, Jan. 12 (VNS)- Officers and staff members of Mysuru Central Jail won a total of 10 medals including 8 gold and 2 silver medals in the recently held District-level State Government Employees Sports and Cultural Competitions in city.

Assistant Jailer V.T. Boregowda won a gold medal in shuttle badminton singles and silver in doubles category; Chief Warden S.M. Uma won three gold medals (400 mts run, 4x400 mts relay and 800 mts run) and silver in kabaddi; Jail Warden V.P.S. Darshan won gold medal in chess while B.K. Shivarudrappa, C.M. Sumanth and M.K. Prasanna Hegde won gold medals in kabaddi.

Double delight for Diya Bheemaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 12- Shuttler Diya Bheemaiah of Mysuru has won two gold medals in the recently concluded Yonex Sunrise All India Junior (Under-19) Ranking Badminton Tournament 2026 held at the Heartfulness Badminton Academy, Hyderabad.

Diya won the first gold medal in the mixed doubles event where she partnered Kerala's Jorn Jason.

Later, teaming up with Haryana's Baruni Paruswal, Diya won her second gold medal in the girls doubles category.

Diya has been training under Head Coach Arun Pemmaiah at Sports Park Badminton Academy in Mysuru, with guidance and mentorship from Senior Coach B.P. Bheemaiah, her father.

She is pursuing her 2nd PUC at Vidhyaashram and is presently undergoing advanced training at Centre of Excellence under the Badminton Association of India (BAI) in Assam.

Diya Bheemaiah

Her outstanding national-level success has earned her the honour of representing India at prestigious international events, including the Yonex Dutch Junior International 2026 (Feb.25 to Mar. 1) and the Yonex German Junior 2026 (Mar. 4 to Mar. 8).

WORD OF THE DAY

Collude

Pronunciation: kuh-LOOD (Verb)
Meaning: To collude is to work with others secretly especially in order to do something illegal or dishonest. Collude is used as a synonym of conspire and plot.
Origin: Colluding — working secretly with others to do something deceitful or illegal — is not a game, but you'd never know it if you took your cues on the meaning of collude solely from its etymology. Collude comes from the Latin verb colludere, which in turn combines the prefix com-, meaning "together," and the verb ludere, "to play." Ludere, in turn, comes from ludus, meaning "game, play, or sport." (Ludus is also the source of the adjective ludicrous and the noun interlude). Collude has a related noun—collusion—which carries the specific meaning "secret agreement or cooperation." Despite their playful history, collude and collusion have always suggested illicit trickery rather than good-natured fun.
Example: "Two lawsuits filed in April accuse hundreds of insurers of colluding to drop policyholders and force them onto the plan, which offers limited policies that typically cost more." —Laurence Darmiento, The Los Angeles Times, 25 June 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Gabelle

A salt tax.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The bigger they are the harder they fall

Meaning: You use the expression 'The bigger they are the harder they fall' to indicate that the more powerful or successful someone is, the more disastrous a loss is to accept.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'the bigger they are the harder they fall' is believed to have come from the sport of boxing. Not surprisingly, there were earlier expressions that meant the same thing and used similar wording. One of the first recorded incidences is in the poet Claudian's Rufian, essentially translating to "Men are raised on high in order that they may fall more heavily."
Example: "The Ravens are bitter about losing the championship game. The bigger they are, the harder they fall!"

QUOTE BOX

Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people. **—Steve Jobs**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Scatter Brain.

SUDOKU

8		7	1		5	3		2
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		6				9		
1		4	5		9	2		8

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	3	9	4	5	8	7	2
8	4	5	3	7	2	9	1	6
7	2	9	6	8	1	3	5	4
2	5	8	1	9	3	4	6	7
9	3	7	4	5	6	1	2	8
1	6	4	8	2	7	5	9	3
4	7	6	5	1	8	2	3	9
5	9	2	7	3	4	6	8	1
3	8	1	2	6	9	7	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Bollywood's ___ Ki Khatir
4 Burglar
8 Sounds discordantly
12 Prefix or combining form meaning of living things
13 Love, to Livy
14 Russian secret police of the Communist era
15 A vegetable of the genus Brassica
17 This is where the heart is?
18 Ex-India batsman Mankad
19 Greek cheese
21 Come together
23 "Father of the Nation"
27 Betting adviser
31 Work on dough
32 Conductor __-Pekka Salonen
33 You are, contracted?
35 Naught or nothing
36 Before time
38 Convent or cloister
40 Numberless
42 Bovine sound
43 Ladies' fingers
45 Store of treasure
49 Slender
52 He looks on the bright side
54 Wheel shaft
55 Not of the clergy
56 Actor Chaney
57 Narrate
58 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country?
59 A resort with a mineral spring

DOWN

1 Priestly robes
2 __ and graces: affectation of superiority
3 Milne's bear Winnie the ___
4 Empty conversation (7-3)
5 Comedian Philips
6 Game played on the links
7 Norwegian composer - "e.g. rig" anagram?
8 Composer ___ Sebastian Bach
9 Gone by
10 Revolutions per minute, acronym
11 Take legal action
16 Wheel's teeth
20 ___ ___ of : observe, act upon (4,6)
22 Zodiac name
24 "Need" anagram for a small valley
25 Locks
26 Indolently
27 Swarm, be present in large numbers
28 English exclamation (1,3)
29 A young salmon
30 Move fast by using one's feet
34 Strange or odd
37 Mr Messi of Inter Miami and Argentina
39 Standard
41 Drily witty
44 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
46 Lubricates
47 Initials on a brandy bottle
48 Famous volcano
49 Latitude, abbr.
50 River of Devon
51 Everybody
53 "It is" a verbal contraction

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	A	D	Y	■	M	B	A	S	■	U	H	F
A	L	E	E	■	C	O	D	E	■	N	E	O
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■	■	■	O	W	E	■	■	N	O	B	L	E
■	D	A	W	N	I	N	G	■	N	O	O	N
S	O	T	■	S	N	O	O	P	■	N	I	T
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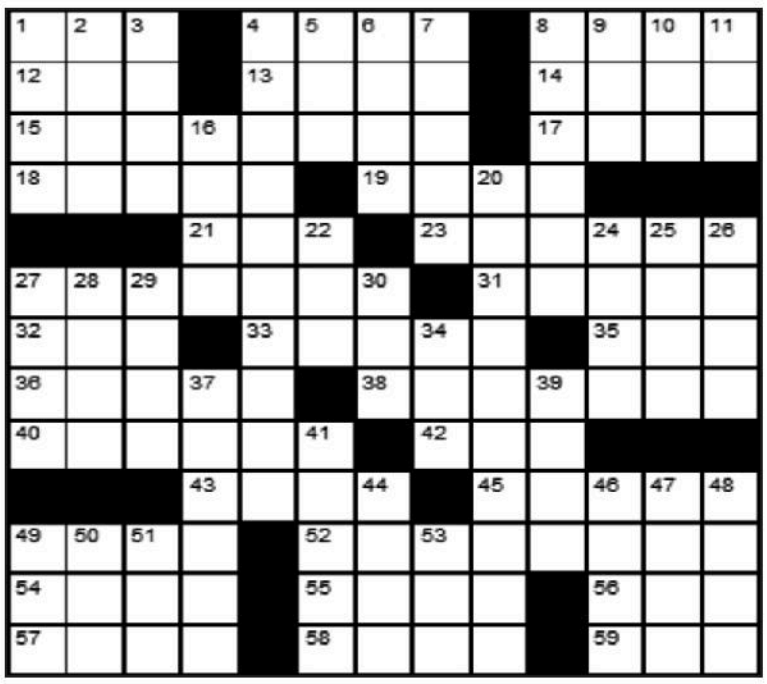

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L SYDYJLHMTD GXMFX MSDTJYI XMIHTJP

XLI DT BLIH LDW DT AZHZJY.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Those that know, do. Those that understand, teach.

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		6.40 pm, 10.25 pm
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	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 7.25 pm
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		9.35 pm
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		8.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4 pm, 8 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K-3D)	:	7.45 pm

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The Raja Saab (H)	:	10.50 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.15 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	6.15 pm
45 (K)	:	11.15 am
Mark (K)	:	11.20 am, 6.35 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.25 pm
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Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Laalo - Krishna Sada Sahaayate (H)	:	10 pm

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		2.15 pm, 3 pm
		5.15 pm, 6 pm
		6.45 pm, 9 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	3.25 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 12)

- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Chamundi Hill Temple:** 'Kotharotsava Vaibhava' Sangeetotsava, flute recital by Vid. V. Mukunda and troupe, Bengaluru, Chamundi Hill Temple premises, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Jnanasarovara International Residential School Mysore (JIRSM):** Uthkarsha - 22nd Founder's Day celebrations, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director N. Vishnuvardhana chief guest, Department of PU Education (Bengaluru) Assistant Director Dr. Gubbigoodu Ramesh guest of honour, JIRSM Chairman Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, JIRSM Principal Shanthini Jerald and Secretary Sukalatha S. Shetty will be present, Abhinaya Amphitheatre, Jnanasarovara campus, **6 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Samarth Nagarkar, accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Sagar Bharatraj on tabla, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana, Ramakrishna Circle and Vivekananda Jayantyotsava Samiti-2026, Vivekanandanagar, Mysuru:** Swami Vivekananda Jayantyotsava-2026, Stage Programme, Swami Muktidanandaji graces the occasion, MLA T.S. Srivatsa offers floral tributes to the portrait of Swami Vivekananda, Chethan Kumar talks about Swami Vivekananda, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Pratishtana President D. Madegowda presides, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Pratishtana Working President Dr. S.P. Yoganna, former MLAs L. Nagendra and M.K. Somashekar will be present, Vivekananda Circle, Vivekanandanagar, **6 pm.**
- **BJP Yuva Morcha - Krishnaraja Constituency:** Swami Vivekananda's Birth Anniversary celebrations, Mega Torchlight Procession, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and others will take part, Vivekananda Circle, Vivekanandanagar, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 13)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC):** 'Silk Fab,' a Handloom and Silk Saree Exhibition-cum-Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club:** 538th show of the play titled 'Stage Chemistry: Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders on Stage,' Concept, Script and Direction by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Mahajana High School, Jayalakshmipuram, **2 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
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The Raja Saab (K)	:	3.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	12.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.15 pm

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		3 pm, 5.15 pm, 6 pm, 6.45 pm
		9 pm, 10 pm ,10.30 pm
The Raja Saab (K)	:	10.20 am
The Raja Saab (H)	:	2.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.05 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	6.45 pm

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Time : 7.30 pm

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MI Vs GG
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